



PATENT
Customer Number 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 4329.2309-02000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Ichiro MIZUSHIMA et al.)	Group Art Unit: 2812
)	
Serial No.: 10/655,022)	Examiner: R. Pompey
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Filed: September 5, 2003)	Confirmation No.: 6041
)	
Allowed: December 19, 2003)	
)	
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND)	
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING)	
THE SAME)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REQUEST FOR CORRECTED NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

Applicants are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability dated December 19, 2003. Line 2 of the Notice of Allowability indicates that claims 17-21 are allowed in this case. However, in the Examiner's Amendment that follows, claim 18 has been cancelled for no apparent reason. To the best of Applicant's knowledge, Applicant determines no reason for the cancellation of claim 18, and believes that it should be allowed as indicated on line 2 of the Notice of Allowability.

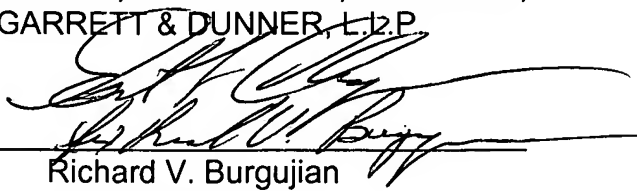
Therefore, Applicants respectfully request clarification as to the discrepancy of the allowed claims as indicated by the Examiner, and further request a corrected Notice of Allowability should the Examiner determine that the cancellation of claim 18 is in error.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this request, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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